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Ms. Delores Brown
Chief, Office of Environmental Compliance
Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Re: Comments of the El Dorado County Water Agency on the Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan ("BDCP EIR/EIS")

Dear Ms. Brown:

The El Dorado County Water agency supports the comments raised by the American River Water Users Group. In addition to those comments, we would like to add the following:

The EIR/EIS is intended to analyze the effects of the BDCP. In conducting such analysis, it is important to define the baseline from which those effects will be measured. Critical to the definition of the baseline are the assumptions as to diversions of water within the watersheds tributary to the Project Area and the impacts of those diversions on flows contributed to the Project Area by the watersheds. Two currently pending processes that will result in additional water diversions for use within El Dorado County should be considered in constructing the baseline.

First, Public Law 101-514 directs the United States Bureau of Reclamation to provide the El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) with 15,000 acre-feet per year of water from Folsom Lake. EDCWA and the Bureau are currently negotiating a contract ("Fazio Contract") for this supply.

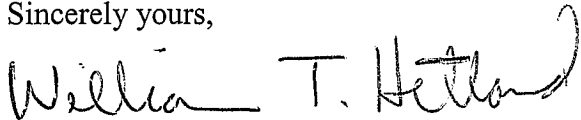
Additionally, the El Dorado County Water & Power Authority, a Joint Powers Authority comprising the County of El Dorado, EDCWA, the El Dorado Irrigation District and the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, has filed an application ("Supplemental Water Rights Application") with the California State Water Resources Control Board for an additional 40,000 acre-feet per year of water to be diverted in the watershed tributary to Folsom Lake ("Supplemental Water Rights Application").

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This application relies on protections for the County of El Dorado as the watershed within which the waters sought originate. Water diversions for use within El Dorado County pursuant to the Fazio Contract and the Supplemental Water Rights Application should be included in the baseline from which the EIR/EIS analyzes the impacts of the BDCP.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William T. Hetland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

William T. Hetland P.E.

General Manager

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